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FROM: JAMES M. RODDY, Executive Officer

TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #9—LAFCO #2906: Service Review and Sphere Of Influence Update for the City of Fontana

INITIATED BY:

San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Determine that LAFCO #2906 is statutorily exempt from environmental review, and direct the Clerk to file a Notice of Exemption within five days;
2. Make findings related to a service review required by Government Code Section 56430, and determine that the existing sphere of influence for the City of Fontana should not be changed; and,
3. Adopt LAFCO Resolution #2762 setting forth the Commission's findings and determinations on this issue.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This proposal was initiated by the Local Agency Formation Commission in response to new state mandates requiring service reviews and sphere of influence updates for all cities and special districts on a rotating five-year schedule. LAFCO #2906 is a routine, non-controversial service review and sphere of influence update for the City of Fontana.

Attached for Commission review is the response from the City of Fontana to the factors required by Government Code Section 56430 for the conduct of

service reviews. For the sake of brevity, those responses are not duplicated in this report, but are instead contained within the City's response and the draft LAFCO Resolution (#2762, which is also attached for Commission review).

The important points are that the City of Fontana is not proposing any changes to its sphere of influence (which has been periodically reviewed and updated several times over the last two decades); further, the City indicates that it does not anticipate submission of any sphere of influence amendments within the next five years. The City Council has considered the response to the service review factors in a public hearing, and concurs with staff findings that no sphere amendments will likely be contemplated in the foreseeable future.

It should also be noted that none of the adjacent or overlaying agencies have identified any concerns with the existing sphere of influence of the City of Fontana. Again, the reader is referred to the written response from the City of Fontana for further discussion of the sphere/service review findings.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the response from the City of Fontana, staff recommends that the Commission uphold and affirm the existing sphere of influence for the City, on the basis that there is no apparent rationale for any sphere amendments. In addition, staff recommends that the Commission adopt Resolution #2762 which sets forth written responses to the statutory factors related to services reviews and sphere of influence studies.

Staff also wishes to commend the City of Fontana for its responsive and thorough replies to the service review and sphere study factors of consideration.

Attachments:

1. Response from the City of Fontana
2. Draft Resolution #2762
3. Response from Tom Dodson and Associates